GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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CELLULAR TELEPHONE SERVICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have decided not to extend cellular telephone services in Jammu and Kashmir and other parts of the country due to security reasons;

(b) if so, the details and locations thereof;

(c) the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Defence Ministry has also raised objections for starting cellular services in Jammu and Kashmir; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) to (e): Expansion of fresh start of Cellular Mobile Telephone Service is not permitted at present in Jammu & Kashmir, North East and Assam Telecom Circles on security considerations. This decision has been taken by the Government after consulting all concerned Ministries including Ministry of Defence.